

# The Baptist Record

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## Interest Good In State Missions Day Observance Sunday, Oct. 26

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary  
With enthusiasm running high in the interest of going well over the \$100,000 mark this Convention year for the Cooperative Program, we pause momentarily to strike a check for another great cause — State Missions.

With our main interest ever the Cooperative Program we do recognize at this time the importance and place of State Missions in our total missions program.

The last Sunday in October has been observed as State Missions Day in our churches and Sunday Schools for a number of years.

Because of the vast importance

of state missions to all our work and to the Cooperative Program we can emphasize State Missions properly without taking our interest away from the Cooperative Program.

Most churches observe State Missions Day by having a special program on state missions and taking a special offering for State Missions.

The Sunday School Builder annually carries a program on State Missions. Special offering envelopes may be had in this office.

Next week the Baptist Record will issue its annual edition devoted to State Missions. Watch for it.

## 3,500,000 PEOPLE, 20 BAPTIST CHURCHES IN ONE MISSION AREA

Thirty-five missionary appointees for Latin America have entered language school within the past month, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its September meeting.

Through the increased giving of Southern Baptists in recent years, construction programs have been inaugurated in many large centers. In Latin America, buildings are now under construction for the Baptist seminary in Torreon, Mexico; the church and theological center in Cali, Colombia; the Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia; the church and Baptist center in Santiago, Chile; the Bap-

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## Ridgecrest Assembly Plans Improvement

Nashville, Tenn. (BP)—A North Carolina Baptist layman, seeing hundreds of people unable to get in the Ridgecrest auditorium during the Sunday school conference last July, launched a movement for an enlarged auditorium by making a gift of \$2,500 for that purpose which grew by the end of the summer to \$25,000.

These gifts are being matched by appropriations of the Sunday School Board. The Ridgecrest Assembly Committee of the Board has approved plans for a \$100,000 addition to the auditorium to be started just as soon as funds are available for this purpose.

Enlargement of the auditorium is considered a necessity according to

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## N. O. Seminary Observes Founders' Day, Dedicates Dement Building

"Prayer, thinking and lives have gone into this seminary," Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., said today. He was giving the Founders' Day address to a standing-room crowd in the New Orleans Baptist theological Seminary chapel.

"If the ones trying to get this school established had not been praying and thinking the matter would not have gone over with the Southern Baptist Convention like it did," Dr. Newton continued.

He recalled asking the late Dr. J. B. Gambrell a question: "What is the most important thing before Southern Baptists just now (1915)?"

Dr. Gambrell was one of the most influential of all Southern Baptist leaders at the time.

"The most important thing before us just now," Dr. Gambrell answered, "is the launching of a Bible school or institute in New Orleans."

One successful strategy was to

get the convention to meet in New Orleans in 1917, so that the messengers from the churches might see the need of the area for such a school.

He paid tribute to Mrs. B. H. DeMent, widow of the first president who was present at the service. Dr. DeMent was described as having been prepared for such a place. He was a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, had been a successful pastor and also had been on the faculty at Southern.

Dr. P. I. Lipsey, the late editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record, was lauded as having been a strong moving force in establishing a Baptist school in New Orleans.

Concerning later presidents, Dr. Newton mentioned visiting President W. W. Hamilton during the depression years. The faculty had no regular salary and were eating together in order to get by with

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## On Mustang Island

By ELVA M. JOHNSON

There wasn't a cloud in the sky the day Stan, Ralph and Dale got into a small outboard motorboat and headed for Mustang Island. Their plans called for three days of uninterrupted sun, fun, and fishing if they felt like it. It was their last "fling" before vacation was over and the school grind began. It didn't matter to them that there was only a tumble-down cabin for shelter. It would be warm on the beach, and wonderful sleeping with the breeze from the bay.

"Mom must have packed enough groceries to last a week," Ralph grunted as he tugged at the heavy box and eased it into the boat.

"Don't be too sure," Stan put in. "I'm a pretty hearty eater."

Stan was new at Littleton's Cove, and Ralph and Stan had invited him to go along with them to the island. "It'll give us a good chance to get acquainted," Ralph had said. "We'll want to invite him to church and one of the surest ways of getting him to church is to show a little interest in him aside from that. He told me he never bothered much with church."

Dale had eyed his brother curiously. "I guess you're right, but I sure never would have thought of that."

Dale guided the boat expertly through the waters of the bay toward Mustang Island while Ralph and Stan chatted idly.

A few white clouds drifted high in the sky, and Dale noticed that the waves were getting choppy. "Hope it doesn't get rough before we get to Mustang," he shouted above the roar of the motor. "There wasn't any storm warning up when we left."

They made it to the island just before the storm broke. Anchoring the boat securely, they carried their supplies to the cabin.

"How long do you think it'll last?" Stan asked uneasily.

Ralph glanced out the tiny cabin window, and seeing the heavy sheets of rain pelting the glass, turned back gloomily. "Never can tell. Might as well make some sandwiches and fix a little bite to eat while we're waiting. I've seen little squalls come up like this and clear away in an hour or so."

"And again, it might last the rest of the day," Dale put in as he opened a can of pork and beans. Soon lunch was ready and the boys ate hungrily. The rain continued relentlessly and the boys became restless after a while.

"Wish we had something to read," Stan remarked.

Ralph rummaged through the box of supplies and came up with three crumpled copies of their church paper. "Here's something Mom has packed in around some

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## Calvary Church, Jackson Is Host To BSU Convention Oct. 31-Nov. 2

### HOST PASTOR



DR. HAROLD G. BASDEN

Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, is host pastor for this year's State BSU Convention Oct. 31-Nov. 2. In addition, Dr. Basden will lead a forum on Christian Race Relations and bring one of the principal messages to the Convention.

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### YE ARE MY WITNESSES

By ROBERT S. DENNY

At the Texas Baptist Student Union Convention in Houston in the fall of 1950, a large number of students and adults stayed at the Lamar Hotel across the street from the First Baptist Church where the meetings were being held. At breakfast on Sunday morning when I went to pay my check in the coffee shop I was told by the cashier that it had already been paid.

"By whom?" I asked.

"A gentleman living in the hotel."

"For what reason?"

"I do not know," she said. "He simply asked me to hold all the checks for all the visitors here for the B. S. U. convention."

I accepted this generosity but went immediately to the manager's office to inquire further into this unusual demonstration.

"Who is this man and what prompted this act?" I asked the manager.

"He was eating in the coffee shop," said the manager, "when he noticed group after group of these young people coming in to eat, laughing and talking and yet not boisterous. Most of them dropped their heads for a silent yet unpretentious word of thanks. He inquired of his waitress as to who these young people were."

"They are students for the Baptist Student convention," she said.

"He watched a little longer and still more came in. He was further impressed by their conversation,

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Hundreds of Baptist students from more than twenty colleges of Mississippi are expected to converge upon Jackson the week-end of October 31-November 2 when the 28th annual Baptist Student Convention is to be held in Calvary Church. Attendance is expected to exceed 1,000. Belhaven College is co-host with the church.

The theme of the Convention, which convenes Friday evening and concludes at noon Sunday, is "Christ Must Reign." Woodie Williams, Jr., of Agricola, a senior at Mississippi State and the State BSU President, is to preside; Charles Shacklette, of First Church, Yazoo City, is to lead the singing, and Martha Lu Sumrall, of Crystal Springs and Mississippi College, is to be pianist.

Jesus Shall Reign is the hymn and I Corinthians 15:25, the scripture for the Convention. The theme will be carried out in many of the features on the program including panel forums on "Christ Must Reign in Vocational Choice" and "Christ Must Reign in Race Relations," and a symposium entitled "Christ Reigning in Race Relations," led by Rev. Wayne E. Todd, Jackson, Dr. Harold G. Basden, host pastor, and Miss Anne Bailey, BSU Secretary for Jones Junior College, respectively.

Messages will be brought by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Dr. C. E. Wilbanks and Dr. Basden, of Jackson; Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., and author of *The Religion Of A Mature Person*; Rev. Robert Woody, Blue Mountain; Rev. Clifton Perkins, West Point; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Kosciusko; Dr. S. S. Hill, President of Georgetown College; Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Mr. Ray Koonce, Gainesville, Fla.; Miss Estelle Slater, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Miriam Hollis, Greensboro, N. C., and others. Dr. Hill's subject Saturday evening will be "The Case of the Christian College."

Participating in forums and seminars will be Marion Perry, Philadelphia businessman; J. O. Snowden, Superintendent of the Mississippi Children's Home, Jackson; K. R. Kofer, attorney, Water Valley; Mrs. Frank Leavell, Nashville, Tenn.; George Chu Lin, Chinese insurance man, Greenville; Laurence C. Jones, Founder and Principal of Piney Woods School; H. L. Lang, President, Mississippi Baptist Seminary; Clay Gibson, Choctaw Indian Baptist preacher, Edinburg; P. H. Easom, State Supervisor of Negro Schools, Jackson, and many students.

Two college choirs, from Mississippi College and Jackson College, will be featured in the musical parts of the program. The deadline

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## Next Week Will Be State Missions Issue Of Record

Next week's issue of the Baptist Record will be the annual State Missions Issue, magnifying State Missions and calling attention to State Mission Day in the churches and Sunday Schools on Oct. 26.

This edition will be just a little different from those of the past and will contain interesting, helpful information on state missions.

Watch for this edition. There will be one or two things you will want to clip out for permanent use.

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### 3,500 PEOPLE

(Continued from Page One) tist hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay; and the Baptist seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. Gill summarized the annual report of the Guatemalan Mission which consists of two missionary couples. The population of Guatemala is approximately 3,000,000; the geographical area and population approximates that of Virginia. There are 17 Baptist churches with a total membership of 1,000. A small Blue Institute trains pastors and teachers.

But out of the 14 political divisions of the country, Southern Baptists have worked in only seven. The population of the divisions in which there is no Baptist work totals well over a million.

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### RIDGECREST ASSEMBLY

(Continued from Page One) Dr. T. L. Holcomb, secretary of the Board since eight out of the thirteen weeks of the assembly program drew crowds far exceeding the capacity of the present auditorium.

Willard K. Weeks, manager of the assembly, and Hardie C. Bass, Sunday School Board architect, say that the enlarged auditorium will seat 3,040. Overflow space will care for 600 others.

Other plans have been approved for the following projects during the next year: a new hotel unit to provide about 24 rooms; an addition to the girls' staff dormitory to house 80 girls; approximately a mile of urgently needed paving; changes to guarantee a more adequate water supply; the development of new playground facilities made necessary by a change in the highway through the present playground; and the construction of all-weather tennis courts at the Boys' Camp. Mr. Perry Morgan, manager of the camp, reported \$1,000 given by the parents of a boy attending the camp for the erection of a \$10,000 camp center. This year's Boys' Camp had an enrollment of 256.

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### CALVARY CHURCH

(Continued from Page One) for registration of those wanting assurance of a place to stay in Jackson is October 28, according to State BSU Secretary Chas. W. Horner who urges that registration fees of \$1.00 each be sent into his office by that date.

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Far too many Christians think of prayer as a duty rather than a privilege.

## Dr. M. L. Shannon For 52 Years A Bible Teacher



DR. M. L. SHANNON

After more than half-a-century in the service of his church, Dr. M. L. Shannon is stepping down as teacher of the senior men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church in Pontotoc. In so doing he has rounded out 52 years of teaching—the past 20 in the adult men's class.

Dr. Shannon's teaching career began shortly after joining the church on September 5, 1897. He was converted under the preaching of W. T. Lowry, Sr., then president of Blue Mountain College. The Rev. R. A. Cooper was pastor at that time.

First elected church clerk in 1899—a position he still holds—Dr. Shannon began teaching a class in 1900. He recalls that it was a mixed young men's and ladies' class and after 5 or 6 years the class was divided and he was retained as teacher of a young woman's class. Some 7 years later, because of the growth of the Sunday School, Dr. Shannon secured a tent and moved his class out in the church yard. Here the class remained until the new Baptist Church was completed.

Dr. Shannon played an important part in the construction of the new church, serving on the building committee, the only living member of that committee. At present he is a member of the finance committee for the construction of a new Sunday School annex which is hoped to be started next year.

In 1916, he was chosen as superintendent of the Intermediate Sunday School department and, after serving 16 years, was re-elected. He asked to be transferred to the Adult Department and his wish was granted. Here he has been ever since.

"There's but one member of the class still living that was in it 20 years ago," he recalls, "that is R. L. Ray, Sr., a most regular attendant, who sits on the front row. We had a rule never to start our class until Mr. Ray was accounted for."

Dr. Shannon served on the Ex-

ecutive Board of the State Baptist Orphanage and was a leader in the county cotton campaign back in the early 30's in the interest of the Orphanage. With the assistance of his pastor, Dr. A. L. Goodrich, a move was started which resulted in the gathering of 11 bales of cotton from the remnants of county cotton fields. All 11 bales went to the Orphanage.

During his 53 years of Christian service in Pontotoc, Dr. Shannon has conducted prayer meeting on Wednesday nights "so many times that I can't remember." At one time, he recalled, when the church was without a pastor, he had charge of the mid-week prayer service for three straight months.

He never recalls of being absent more than one Sunday per year during his 53 years and had a perfect attendance record for one straight five-year period.

Dr. Shannon's only position now is Church Clerk and he says he will give that up some time in the near future.

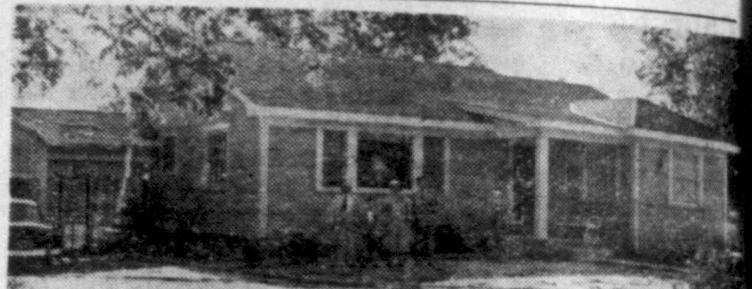
His future church plans? He'll probably teach as supply—when called upon—"but, after all these 52 years of teaching, I just want to go and listen to someone else talk. And that is what I plan to do," Dr. Shannon said. His senior adult class is being taken over by W. B. Tennyson, superintendent of Pontotoc Public Schools.

Two blue ribbons and one red were won by the three representatives of the Clarke College dairy herd in the State Dairy Show held in Newton, Sept. 24-26. The three entrants were all mature Jersey cows in milk and received favorable comments from many breeders attending the show.

## Wake Forest Removal Fund Stands At Half-Way Mark

Wake Forest, N. C. (BP)—North Carolina Baptists are past the half-way mark in raising the first \$17,000,000 needed for construction of the new Wake Forest campus at Winston Salem. They have eight million in hand. The total program is expected to cost 25 millions. This is according to an editorial in the Biblical Recorder, state paper for North Carolina.

The plan to move Wake Forest was adopted in 1946. The new campus will be built with a religious theme centered about a massive chapel. Work under way includes



Pictured above is the newly completed \$11,000 parsonage of the Moselle Memorial Church. Mr. Merrell Parker, one of the deacons, was builder. Shown in the front are, left to right: G. W. Sellers, 83 years of age and the oldest member of the church; Glenn; Mrs. Davis and Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

The October issue of the Sunday School Builder contains an interesting and helpful article by Rev. J. Harold Jones, pastor of the Leesburg Church, Scott County. The title of the article is, "Leesburg Uses The Sunday School."

God is more ready to forgive the blotted page of endeavor than the blank page of surrender.

Spring Cottage Church, in Marion County, has extended a call to Rev. John Bolton, a student at New Orleans Seminary, and he has accepted the work. They will have services on first and third Sundays.

The best way to guarantee yourself a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is to send it on ahead.

## ANNUAL STATE MISSION DAY SUNDAY, OCT. 26

Plan Now to Observe the Day in Your Church and Sunday School

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# Fund y Mark

For weeks, even months, the Baptist Record has been carrying news articles and advertisements concerning the Offering for Woman's College Endowment on the old campus of the Eastern Seminary. This is bought for \$1,000,000 of the Convention in 1950 and is to be paid at least by Jan. 1, 1951. No date has been set for removal of the college.

The facts have been presented. The needs explained. The opportunity is now before us. Mississippi Baptists have the money. If Woman's College is to succeed it needs some of that money. Sunday is the day.

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## Churches Not Wanted

Editor Marse Grant of North Carolina's CHARITY AND CHILDREN calls attention to the following facts:

In Sacramento, Calif., a church planning to build in a community held temporary services in a home. The court ruled that this violated the zoning ordinance and such meetings could not be held.

In Baltimore, residents of the Ten Hills Community protested the proposal to build an Evangelical United Brethren Church on the grounds that residential property would be devalued and the "sanctity" of private residences destroyed.

In Natchez, Miss., the City Council revoked a permit given a Nazarene Church to build in a residential section.

The last instance is found in Detroit where a circuit court judge, acting on a suit brought by landowners, denied a Presbyterian church the right to build in the area selected on the reasoning that the church would be a community nuisance.

In other words it seems that in some sections churches are not wanted. We talk much about the land of the free and the home of the brave. It seems to us that instead of trying to prohibit churches, every city and community should welcome them.

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## How To Nominate Board Members

Rev. George Gay, recording secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, asks that the Baptist Record give information concerning the number of messengers to which a church is entitled at the State Convention and the manner in which Board members are certified to the Convention for nomination.

We give below Article 7, paragraph 2, concerning the nomination of Board members.

"The clerks of the associations shall notify the recording secretary in writing before the annual meetings (of the convention) and immediately after the adjournment of the association as to the



nomination of members. If any association fails to nominate or to notify the recording secretary of its nomination, a member of the Board from such association shall be nominated and elected by the Convention."

As Mr. Gay writes, "Every Baptist Church belonging to and cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Convention possesses a privilege, and shares in the responsibility of determining by vote the policies and working of the Convention."

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## Are They Orthodox?

May we congratulate and commend Rev. B. J. Murrie, editor of the Illinois Baptist, for the following editorial which appeared in a recent issue of the Illinois Baptist:

"An ad in a religious paper declares that a certain college is interdenominational and orthodox. The word interdenominational really means "between denominations." I don't know which denominations it is between, but I know one thing, it isn't for any of them. It is for itself and all it can drain out of all the denominations. Interdenominational colleges never appeal for loyalty or support of the individual's own denomination. They want the individual for what they can get out of him and what he can pull out of his denomination."

Editor Murrie states the facts in plain, timely and unmistakable terms.

Writing as a Mississippi Baptist we can see no reason why Mississippi Baptists should support interdenominational or non-denominational schools and colleges either with their money or sons and daughters.

Right here in Mississippi we have four good schools. They are: Mississippi College, Blue Mountain College, Mississippi Woman's College, and Clarke College. They

are ours and deserve our support both in money and students.

The courses they offer are acceptable all over the land. Their teachers are able and Christ-like. They know the Baptist program.

Our Baptist boys and girls can find what they need in these schools. And in addition, most graduates of our schools go out as leaders and workers in Baptist churches without being tainted with Unionism.

We agree with Editor Murrie.

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## Our Readers Write

### SINCE I LEFT

Most of us preachers when reporting success in our work use the clause, "since I came" to reveal progress since we became pastor. This is not to condemn that practice, but to look at another angle that we do not always report.

Recently it was my privilege to do the preaching in a meeting in a church that I served as pastor for five years and three months. It was thrilling to see what has been done "since I left."

The church is First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Mississippi. While I was pastor the membership increased from 650 to over 1,000, average attendance at Sunday School and Training Union doubled, and the finances more than tripled.

When I left, the church called Rev. Joe T. Odle. Under his leadership great progress was made in every phase of church life. After serving well some four years, Brother Odle went to First Church, Gulfport, Mississippi.

For more than five years now, Rev. M. D. Morton has led the church as pastor. During the tenure of these two good men the finances have more than tripled "since I left," and the average Sunday School attendance has about doubled with an average of 700 per Sunday for this year. A "Baby Building" has been built, and a very modern education building has been erected and all paid for. A sizeable amount is on hand to build a new auditorium.

It was indeed remarkable to observe first hand what has been accomplished "since I left." It does not make me jealous to see these great achievements "since I left," but I rejoice, for it is the Lord's work and not mine. In fact, my work would have been a failure had these good men found no foundation to build on when they arrived. What I have said of this good church can be said of most of the churches I have been privileged to serve. They have made great progress "since I left."

The Lord blessed our labors in the meeting by saving some fifteen souls, and several others were added to the church by transfer of membership.

A. B. PIERCE.

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**Our Readers Write**

I see in the Baptist Record August 2, 1952, issue in "Our Readers Write" column that J. E. Heath has an article concerning the final state of the wicked at the final judgment day, which he explains will be an everlasting Hell fire. I would like to offer my understanding of this subject as I think the Spirit through the Scriptures has revealed to me.

Jesus was free in the use of parables, figures, mental pictures, or portraits of the truths He taught. So in teaching, or portraying, to us the future state of the damnation of the wicked, Jesus uses the strongest terms in briefly yet truthfully defining the future state. So He uses the figure or portrait of a lake of fire or fire and brimstone and bottomless pit and outer darkness.

We read in 2nd Thess. 1:9, "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." You understand this 2nd Thess. 1:9 is Paul's interpretation of Jesus definition of the torments of the damned. Jesus gave the final definition to the truth in Matt. 12:22-13:25:30.

At the final judgment Jesus will say to the wicked "Depart from me" and they will be cast away into outer darkness—endless space—also expressed as bottomless pit. They will be forever and ever going further and further from the kingdom of Heaven. They and the Devil and his angels will never be seen or heard of any more.

God does not furnish the torment for the damned, it is their own self imposed torment. The torment is they are hungry and thirsty for everything they had loved or wanted or knew anything about in this world. But they cannot get one drop of anything. They will be forever weeping and angry and never repent.

The grace of God would save even the Devil himself if he would repent and love the righteous. No wicked Devil will ever see that lovely home God has prepared for them that love Him.

And we read in Rev. 21:26-27: "And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it, and there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie. But they which are written in the lamb's book of life. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God on that happy golden shore where the faithful part no more.—L. H. Fomville.

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First quarter enrolments reached 635 for the 1952-53 session of the New Orleans Seminary. This compares with 638 at this time last year.

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**Bay Springs Speaker**

CARROL GARTIN

Hon. Carrol Gartin, Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, will be the Layman's Day speaker on Oct. 12, at the Bay Springs Church. Mr. Gartin is an active Baptist Layman in his home town of Laurel. Dr. Cecil W. Jones is pastor of the church.

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Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. E. D. Estes, Louisville; Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; Bill Traylor, Jackson; Walter Miles, Greenville, Kentucky; Rev. Guy A. Little, Smithdale; Rev. C. L. Bowland, Silver Creek; Rev. Russell McIntyre, Clinton; Harvey T. Gibson, Nashville; Rev. Robert W. Martin, Batesville; G. B. Basden, Coffeyville; Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Duncan, Morton; M. L. Douglas, Wesson; Dr. Cecil W. Jones, Bay Springs; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilkinson, Yazoo City; Rev. R. B. Patterson, Corinth; Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Kosciusko; Rev. Troy Mohon, Newton; Betty Daniels, Jackson; Brenda Harrison, Jackson; Mrs. Swan Haworth, Lumberton, N. C.; Mrs. F. E. Buckner, Louisville; Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Abercrombie, Laurel; Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Davis, Moselle; Rev. John McBride, Clinton; Rev. Len Turner, Clinton; W. R. Allen, Walnut Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Powell, Jackson; Mrs. George McGowan, Jackson; E. A. Meadows, Jackson; E. M. Keehlar, Newton; Ralph H. Young, Pascagoula; Mrs. C. L. Hicks, Tupelo; Mr. L. S. Abernathy, Shannon; Mr. A. D. Pritchett, Sherman; C. H. Crouch, Overgate, Okla.; Rev. Bryan E. Mathis, Seminary.

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Put it on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Matthew 5:15

**The Supreme Court Swings Back**

By DR. J. M. PRICE

In 1925 the Supreme Court of the United States declared unconstitutional an Oregon law which compelled all children eight through sixteen years of age to attend public schools only. The Court said: "The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations." This decision was favorably received, and rightly so. Otherwise we would be moving toward Hitler's and Stalin's views of the state as the sole guardian of the child.

In 1947 the Supreme Court upheld a New Jersey decision which permitted the use of public tax money to pay the transportation of Catholic children to and from parochial schools. This was done in spite of having stated in the same decision: "No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities of institutions to teach or practice religion." A Junior in Sunday School should have seen the inconsistency. In thus leaning toward the Catholics, the Court incurred the criticism of Protestants very generally and violated even its own statement.

In 1948, the same court ruled in the Illinois Case that it was contrary to the First Amendment to permit Jews, Catholics, and Protestants to give religious instruction in school buildings on released time when requested by parents. This, in spite of the fact that there was no extra cost to the state, all denominations had the same privilege, and no compulsion was exercised. In this decision the Court leaned toward the Atheists and incurred the criticism of friends of weekday religious education throughout the nation. As has been well said, the complainant in this case sought freedom from religion rather than freedom of religion.

On April 28 (1952) the Supreme Court handed down a decision in the New York Case upholding the courts of that state in declaring it constitutional for the public schools to release pupils one hour per week for religious instruction, off of the school premises, when the parents requested it. In this decision the Court came back to the middle of the road. It reaffirmed its emphasis in the Oregon Case that the parent as well as the state has a right to say what the child is taught. Also that the parent has the right to have the child taught religion. To do otherwise, the Court said, would be to "read into the Bill of Rights a philosophy of hostility to religion" and prefer "those who believe in no religion over those who do."

This is a sane and fortunate decision. It gives encouragement and opportunity to that great host of people who believe that religious instruction should be an integral part of one's education and not something tacked on to the side. Two and a quarter million of youth in twenty two hundred communities in forty-six states were receiving such instruction before the Illinois

decision. Soon that number should increase in two million and a half. And this is a formidable army. Many are being reached who are not in Sunday schools, and others will get additional and valuable Bible instruction. This will go a long way toward counteracting juvenile delinquency, correcting immoral and intemperate conditions, and forming a bulwark against materialism, atheism, and Communism.

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**Crystal Springs Pastor**

Rev. J. Roy Crosby of Vero Beach, Florida,

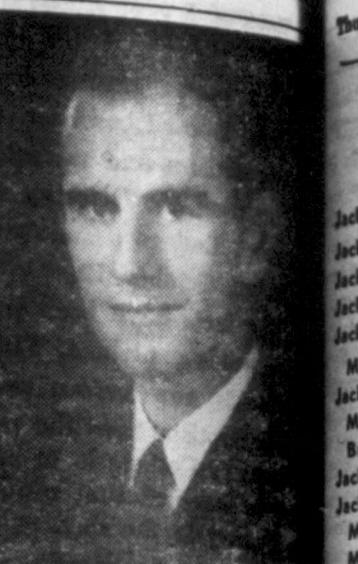
a first-year student at the New Orleans Seminary became pastor of the Crystal Springs Church, Walther County, Sunday, Rev. Crosby Sept. 21. His last pastorate was the First Church, Archer, Florida.

Mr. Crosby is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida. He is married to the former Miss Margaret Gibbs of Miami. They have four boys; Jimmie 12, Davie 6, Stephen 4, and Phillip 2.

The family are living in the church parsonage at Tylertown. Mr. Crosby commutes to the church each week-end from New Orleans.

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New York (RNS)—Two Protestant churches at Palmira in Colombia's western province of Valle del Cauca were bombed on the night of Tuesday, Sept. 16, according to a report received here from the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia.



DR. WYATT R. HUNTER

Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter, above, pastor of the First Church, McComb, will be the evangelist during the revival to be held October 13-14 at the First Church, Meadville. Rev. Troy Prince, Pastor of the Friendship Church, McComb, will direct the music. Rev. B. T. Bishop is pastor.

—BR—

Seventh-day Adventists gave \$167.22 per member to their church in 1951. (Southern Baptists gave \$30.22 per capita). They report Sunday school enrollment of 1,134,060. The denomination is operating 4,325 schools and academies throughout the world with an enrollment of 225,808 students. In addition 108 hospitals and 57 clinics are being operated. A total of 211 new Adventist missionaries went into the foreign fields during the last twelve months.

Dr. J. Wash Watts and Dr. James C. Taylor will represent the New Orleans Seminary at the 1952 meeting of the Mississippi State Convention.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL  
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ATTENDANCE

October 5, 1952

Jackson, North Side	702	219
Jackson Parkway	1130	512
Jackson, Crestwood	730	400
Jackson, Van Winkle	486	277
Jackson, Van Winkle		
Mission	42	42
Jackson, First	1704	603
Main Church	1542	545
Broadmoor Chapel	162	58
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	638	343
Jackson, Calvary	1625	521
Main Church	1548	452
Mission	77	69
Jackson, Southside	379	214
Jackson, Airbase Chapel	204	145
Mr. Olive	57	50
Cranfield	88	92
Meridian, South Side	383	204
Laurel, West	418	132
Mission	34	
Louis, Second Ave.	450	87
Hattiesburg, Main St.	990	361
Laurel, First	612	158
Pascagoula, First	839	364
Main School	682	279
McArthur Mission	42	21
Jackson Ave. Mission	66	32
Orange Grove Mis.	40	32
Riverew Mission	9	
Philadelphia, First	397	140
Laurel, Wildwood	114	48
Gulfport, New Hope	96	38
McComb, Friendship	215	112
Laurel, Highland	182	90
Gulfport, First	875	287
Calhoun City, First	320	136
Oak Grove (Yazoo Co.)	53	65
Ruleville	213	86
Calvary Mission	45	30
Glendale	60	45
Woodville	219	112
Sebastopol	65	64
Brookhaven, First	941	434
Main Church	750	276
Hamilton	135	86
Southway	56	72
Pleasant Grove		
(Lincoln Co.)	110	81
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	113	78
Bethel (Amite Co.)	61	65
Handsboro	234	81
Amity (Chickasaw Co.)	52	47
Moak's Creek		
(Lincoln Co.)	180	116
Houston, First	300	155
Columbus, First	962	325
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	137	117
Lucedale	383	155
Mt. Zion (Lincoln Co.)	116	65
Midway (Lauderdale Co.)	167	90
Newton	541	327
Union (Walhall Co.)	130	129
Carterville		
(Lebanon Assoc.)	123	91
Purvis, First	237	88
Columbus, East Side	207	90
Chester (Choctaw Co.)	56	
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	94	78
Hattiesburg, Temple	623	226
Houlka (Chickasaw Co.)	127	60
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	191	151
Kosciusko, Second	177	95
Pascagoula, Unity	89	58
Springfield (Adams Co.)	71	23
Delay	51	47
Louisville, First	490	174
Louisville, East	62	39
Louisville, South	54	49
Louisville, West End	36	44
Glenfield (Union Co.)	111	114
Longview (Okfuskeha Co.)	83	54
Crystal Springs, First	735	225
Friendship		
(Lincoln Co.)	95	79
Union (Alcorn Co.)	88	74
Pearlhaven (Lincoln Co.)	206	95
Yazoo City, First	494	178
Bogue Chitto (Pike Co.)	64	86
Corinth, Tate St.	262	89



This shows the B. H. DeMent Administration Building of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave the dedication address Oct. 2 when the corner-stone for this building was sealed into place.

"This building will furnish the heart of the institution. Here Baptists will be training young ministers for preaching the gospel of Christ everywhere," Dr. Grey said.

He commended the seminary for naming the women's residence hall for William Cary, the early British Baptist missionary. "This will commemorate the fact that through this institution New Orleans is now becoming a world mission center."

Others on the program included the 100-voice seminary choral group, led by Dr. W. Plunkett Martin, Dr. J. Wash Watts, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Dr. W. W. Hamilton and Dr. Thomas B. Sellers, all of New Orleans.

## YE ARE MY WITNESSES

(Continued from Page One)

out closing the seminary.

Dr. Newton said of Dr. Leavell, the present president, "I did not see when he was called how any man as successful as he was in the pastorate would ever do anything else." The present \$1,000,000 building program is going forward under Dr. Leavell's leadership.

Other out-of-state visitors sitting on the rostrum were Dr. R. C. Briggs of the Bible Department, Union University; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the Baptist Record, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

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Busy men are the only ones who ever seem to have time to do anything.

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Edwards	106	45
Kosciusko, First	710	246
Springfield (Scott Co.)	119	96
Enterprise (Clarke Co.)	180	114
Meridian, 15th Ave.	535	223
Ruth	67	57
Itta Bena, First	215	102
Foxworth	174	103
Meridian, Highland	534	168
Hernando, First	165	103
Grenada, Emmanuel	188	87
New Hope (Marion Co.)	161	136
Coat	59	61

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Lucedale	365	147
Laurel, Highland	200	77
Calhoun City, First	349	143
McComb, East	394	179
Kosciusko, Second	170	87
Corinth, Tate St.	255	81

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Jackson To Be Scene Of Eight  
Statewide Meetings This Fall

This capital city of Mississippi will be the mecca this fall of eight state-wide Baptist meetings which will bring here Baptists from over the state in large numbers and attract perhaps the greatest array of world Baptist leaders ever to appear in any one season.

Oct. 24-25 will find the Statewide Workshop on Church Library Service and Audio-Visual aids meeting at Calvary Baptist Church with Mr. Truett Myers and Miss Florida Waite of the Sunday School Board leading.

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, well-known author and pastor of Wornall Road Church, of Kansas City, and Dr. S. S. Hill, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, will be among the visiting leaders.

On Nov. 10 the annual State Brotherhood Rally will be held at the First Church. Visiting speakers will include Dr. James W. Middleton, former Mississippian and now pastor of First Church, Shreveport, and Dr. W. A. Crisswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas.

The State Convention itself will convene Nov. 11-13 at the First Church. Outstanding visiting leaders will include the following:

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Church, New Orleans and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville; Dr. Baker James Cauthen, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, Nashville.

On Nov. 21 the State Planning meeting for Training Union associational officers will be held at First Church. Visiting leaders will include Bob Cook and Miss LaVerne Ashby of the Nashville office.

On Nov. 28 the State Music Festival will be held at First Church. Headlining the visiting participants will be Dr. Hines Sims, associate secretary of Music Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Dec. 8-9 will find the State Convention Board in annual business session at the Baptist Building. Dr. John E. Barnes, of Hattiesburg is president while Dr. Chester L. Quarles of Jackson is executive secretary.

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## Sparks &amp; Splinters

Billy Green, pastor of the Palmer Church, Ripley, was recently in a revival meeting with John E. Barrow, a college classmate and pastor of the First Church, Fries, Virginia. There were seven additions by baptism. Mr. Green states that "This church is one of the many strong Baptist churches of Virginia. Mr. Barrow is a Mississippian and was called to the pastorate of this fine church from Kentucky where he had been in a pastorate and had attended the Southern Seminary in Louisville. Some pastorless church should call this fine Virginia pastor back home to Mississippi."

Three of the pastors in Marion County are beginning another year's work at the Seminary in New Orleans. These pastors are: Rev. Dan Thompson, pastor of Sandy Hook and Antioch churches; Rev. Jack Bilbo, pastor of Hurricane Creek church; Rev. James Fancher, pastor of New Hope church. They all plan to finish their three year course of study at the Seminary next spring.

White Bluff Church, in Marion County, has called Rev. J. M. Brown, who lives near Tylertown, as pastor. Services will be held the first and third Sunday mornings.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Leaf River Church, Cranfield. The list was sent by Alner McNeil.

Grace Baptist Church of Yazoo City will conduct a revival Oct. 12-21. Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor of the Byram Baptist Church, Jackson, will be the visiting evangelist.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, two deacons were ordained at Calvary Church in Marion Association. The new deacons are Mr. Earl Berry and Mr. James Hill. Rev. Jack Bilbo preached the ordination sermon. The charge was given by Rev. W. T. Miller. Rev. Clayton Bond led the ordination prayer.

To All Clerks of Associations: Immediately upon receiving your 1952 minutes from the printers, be certain to send a copy to the Baptist Record. It helps us with our records and also helps us give information. Quite often we are called upon for information about various churches. Our greatest source of information is the minutes.

No doubt readers in the Baptist Record have noticed advertisements of the National Church Goods Supply Company which appears frequently in the Baptist Record. This is one of the largest firms of its kind in the country. They claim to manufacture everything for the clergyman except shoes and underwear. They have four catalogs. They are: General Catalog and Price List; (2) Academic Brochure and Folder; (3) Clerical Clothing Brochure; and (4) Academic "History." They also claim to carry everything in the church line except the four brick walls.

Students whose pictures will appear in the feature section of the Blue Mountain College year book, The Mountaineer, were chosen on Wednesday in a student body election. Lynda Anderson, Spartan, Tenn., will typify versatility; Mary Martha McClain, Quincy, Florida, friendliness; Lila Ann Wallace, of Charleston, charm; Vera Anderson, Homestead, Fla., sportsmanship; and Emma Holmes, Tupelo, dependability.

The many friends of Dr. W. Landon Miller, former pastor of the First Church, Brookhaven, and now pastor of the First Church, Sherman, Texas, will be delighted to know that his first year in Sherman was a successful one. The Sunday School enrollment has grown from 1021 to 1223; the Training Union from 230 to 360; baptisms 122 as compared with 63 in 1951; total additions 398 as compared with 188 in '51; gifts increased from \$58,576 in 1951 to \$88,472 in 1952.

The Religious Education Association of Clarke Memorial College, has elected the following officers: Ernest (Pee Wee) Pinson, president, Newton; Max Dorr, vice president, Sardis; Jean Evans, program chairman, Jackson; Elmer (Lucky) Hight, social chairman, Memphis, Tenn.; Anne Hood, secretary, Dodsville; Dawn Kitchens, pianist, Philadelphia; Becky Myers, pianist, Jackson; Marcus Moore, song leader, Newton; Evelyn Keyes, reporter, Laurel; sponsor, Theo Breland; assistant sponsor, Mr. Ambrose Duggar.

Dr. Homer Roberson, pastor, will do the preaching for the fall revival at East Greenville Church Nov. 2-Rev. Waddell Valentine, pastor of Southside Church in Jackson, will lead the music.

Attendance at religious services in United States Army Chapels increased more than 50 per cent during the past year, with a reported attendance of approximately 19 million service men. The army now has a total of 1400 chaplains, compared with 1200 in 1951.

C. M. Caudill, 79, retired Baptist minister, died Wednesday, September 10 in Crewe, Virginia. He was the father of R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Church, Memphis, and had been a pioneer Baptist leader in North Carolina. He was moderator of the Stone Mountain Association, North Carolina for fourteen years and held other places of leadership in his association.

Rev. Charles Wellborn, Baptist Hour preacher, will be the evangelist for the Revival at the Belzoni Church April 20-26 of next year. Rev. C. A. Molpus is pastor.

Rev. Fred Tarpley, Hinds County Superintendent of Missions, will speak at the regular services as well as the afternoon service at 2 o'clock at the Byram Church on their fifth anniversary, Sunday, October 12. The morning service will be a dedication and note burning service; deacons will be ordained in the afternoon; and the night service will have an evangelistic emphasis. Rev. Henry J. Bennett is pastor.

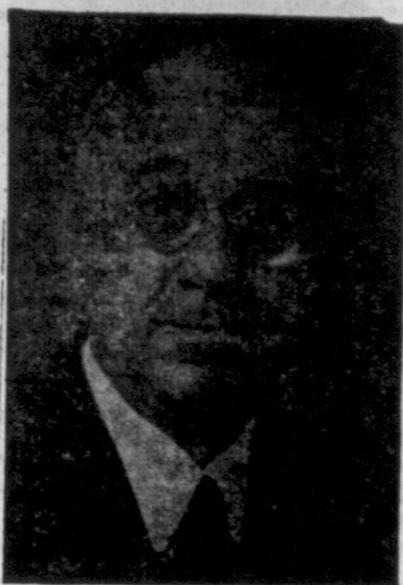
Dr. John E. Huss, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina has prepared a pamphlet for pastors interested in a systematic plan for visiting prospects. The pamphlet is entitled "Rotational Visitation." The ideas set forth were presented last summer to those who attended the Southern Baptist Theological Summer Conference. Pastors were enthusiastic in their appreciation. You may have a copy of this pamphlet free by writing a card or letter to Dr. Huss.

The Alcorn County Association has formally voted approval of the Dorroh's Lake Assembly and elected Levi Ayers of Kossuth as trustee.

Of particular interest to choir members, directors, preachers and congregations will be the latest book by Flora E. Breck, CHOIR IDEAS. It is published by the W. A. Wilde Company and costs \$2.00. Some of the subjects included in the book are the selection of the best type of hymns and anthems for a given service, showing how the choir leader may cooperate with the minister, so that the theme of the two will blend harmoniously; how to stimulate the congregation to participate wholeheartedly in the hymn singing; suggestions for widening the usefulness of choral groups by planning outside activities; and suggestions are also given for publicizing choral events so as to increase interest and attendance at church services.

Other subjects covered in the book are the importance of prayer in connection with choir rehearsals, the desirability of injecting variety into church music material, and methods for increasing interest. There are also chapters on "what others say about choirs," etc. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

## SAM F. LOWE PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS



DR. S. F. LOWE

Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1938, died at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta early Saturday morning, Oct. 4. He had been ill for a number of months.

Dr. Lowe was a modern pioneer in the world of religion. Early convinced that radio was a gift of God for the spread of the Christian Gospel, he spent most of his life trying to sell the medium to religious leaders. At the outset he met a great deal of opposition, but he lived to see most of his detractors won over to his way of thinking.

His dream of a nationwide radio ministry has been realized among his own people. He led Southern Baptists into the field of radio back in 1938 and has devoted his full time to this work since 1944. Under his leadership the work has grown in a marvelous way, with the Baptist Hour alone now being carried by more than 320 stations every week, in twenty-eight states and five foreign countries.

Born June 6, 1890 in Houston county, Georgia, Dr. Lowe received his AB degree from Mercer University in Macon in 1914. He received the ThM degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Mercer University in 1940.

Following his seminary work, Dr. Lowe had five pastorates before turning all his energies to radio in 1944. He was pastor of the First Church, Tennille, Ga., First Church Dawson, Ga., First Church, Enterprise, Ala., Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian and Inman Park Church, Atlanta. He served as vice president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, 1935-38.

Dr. Lowe is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter.

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The following were elected as officers of the Mississippi Group at the Southern Seminary in Louisville for the 1952-53 session: President, Harold Shirley, Meridian; vice-president, Billy Causey, Greenville; treasurer, Carroll Starkey, Jackson; secretary, Dorothy Dell Fail, Bay Springs; Social chairmen, Naomi Clifton, Forest and Bob Odenwald, Dockery; and chorister, Charles Kelly, Seminary.

**COMMENTARY ON ST. PAUL LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS** is a scholarly commentary by George Stoeckhardt, one-time Professor of Old and New Testament Exegesis at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. The translation from the German into smooth-flowing English is the work of the late Dr. Martin Sommer, Professor of Homiletics at Concordia Seminary. Dr. Sommer has succeeded in reciting the warmth and devotion in the written Word that characterized all of Dr. Stoeckhardt's exegesis. His wonderful grasp of the deep thoughts of the Spirit and his ability to unfold these thoughts in concise, clear, convincing language is plainly evident. Problems and questions arising from the doctrines of election and conversion are treated. The author strongly emphasizes the practical importance of Paul's Epistle to modern-day believers. It costs \$4.50. It can be ordered from the publishers, Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis 18, Missouri or the Baptist Book Store.

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OTHA WINGO

Pictured above is Otha Wingo who was recently licensed to the Gospel ministry by the First Church of Booneville. A student at Mississippi College, he is also young people's leader and pastor's assistant at Enterprise.

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## MUSIC FOR STATE BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

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A large men's chorus will furnish special music, and will sit in the choir during the evening session of the State Brotherhood Convention to be held on November 10. First Word that characterizes Mr. Stoeckhardt's exhortation is warmth and devotion.

The choir will be open to all men attending the Brotherhood Convention, and other Men's Chorus groups that will join in the large choir. All quartets entering the quartet contest will be invited into the choir. Why not make this event one for your male chorus or quartet?

## Men's Quartet Contest

One outstanding and interesting feature in connection with the Brotherhood Convention each year is a Male Quartet Contest. This contest is held at the close of the evening session of the convention. Any regular church quartet may enter, but will be asked to use the Coleman's Quartets for Men or some standard Quartet Book sold through the Baptist Book Store. Each quartet will sing one number. A group of judges will select the First, Second, and Third place winners, and appropriate prizes along with a certificate will be awarded.

All quartets desiring to enter the

quartet contest are asked to notify the Dept. of Church Music, Box 30, Jackson.

## DESO TO HOLD ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC SCHOOL

Through the interest of Mr. Chas. O. Cook Jr. director of music in the Hernando church, an Association-Wide Music School will be held in the Hernando Church, October 13-19.

This school is the first of this kind to be held in Desoto Association. The classes will be held for a two hour period at night Monday through Friday. Music theory will be taught by the State Music Director. A choral session will be held.

During the week, it is the plan to complete the Association Music Organization. Officers will be selected to be presented to the regular association for approval.

On Sunday afternoon, October 19, the association hymn sing will be held. This is a mass hymn sing, and the public is invited. During the afternoon session, a short business session will be held for the purpose of setting up the association music organization. Each church is requested to have a group present for the study during the week, and for the hymn sing on Sunday afternoon.

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## Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour program on Sunday, October 12. His message will be heard over 310 stations.

Mississippians can hear the Baptist hour program over the following stations:

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p. m.; WLCL, Cleveland, 6 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville, 6 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WLAU, Laurel, 8 a. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 3:30 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:30 p. m.  
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## Mississippi Association Has Pastors Conference

The 18 pastors in the Mississippi Association have formally formed a pastor's conference and set the last Monday of each month as regular meeting date.

Elected as president was Rev. C. O. Daniels, pastor of Mars Hill church. Rev. R. R. Brigance, of Gloster, was named secretary-treasurer.

The program committee will be Rev. E. L. Howell, of Centreville, and Rev. D. O. Horne, superintendent of missions, also of Centreville.

The first regular meeting was held Sept. 27. Mississippi Association is composed of Amite and Wilkinson counties.

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Bethel Church in Holmes County has elected a full corps of Sunday school and training union officers. Some of them are: W. P. Waldrup, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. R. V. Scott, training union director. Rev. R. V. Scott is the pastor.

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REV. THOMAS PELHAMM GROSS

Rev. Thomas Pelham Gross, above, was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry by the New Providence Church in Leake county. The examining council was composed of the following Dr. A. A. Kitchen, Rev. V. B. Roane, Rev. Bill Slaymaker, Rev. Harvey Pittman, and Rev. H. G. Collins. Mr. Gross, a 1951 honor graduate of Mississippi State College, is a student at the New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Dorothy Fant. Both he and his wife are from Carthage.

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Or do you just belong?

Selected

It is the Christianity we live, not the Christianity we profess, that the world is looking for—the life of Christ incarnate in men like you and me."

Twins In November—Two important events are coming up in November. On November 21st, at First Baptist Church, Jackson, we will have our annual meeting of associational officers. This will be a morning and afternoon meeting beginning at 10 a. m. Encourage every associational officer to attend. We will help with car expense if necessary. Beginning on Friday night, November 21, and running through Thursday night Nov. 27th we will have seven adult rallies, Nov. 21, First Jackson; 22, Leland; 23, Oxford; 24, West Corinth; 25, First Columbus; 26, First Philadelphia, 27, Temple Hattiesburg. These meetings will be at night 7-9 o'clock except Sunday afternoon 3 to 4:30 at Oxford. Attend the one nearest you.

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## A PRAYER

Dear Lord, we have labored to build a Christ-centered college at Mississippi Woman's College. We have, without prompting, received the testimonials below written by faculty and students. We thank Thee for their expressions, stating they have found Christ on the campus. We pray that Thy Holy Spirit shall move Mississippi Baptists through the 1644 churches to sacrifice enough to complete Mississippi Woman's College endowment; that a larger work might be done here in training Baptist young people for a more effective service in the Kingdom of our God. This we pray in Jesus name and for His sake.

AMEN.

Mississippi Woman's College combines in a remarkable way sound scholarship, critical investigation, and study with religious devotion.

I have just come to Woman's College from the environment of the large state university. The contrast is tremendous.

Woman's College students are studious and eager to learn. I have freshmen in two classes and find them to be of exceptional ability.

Mississippi Baptists can certainly be proud of their school in Hattiesburg. It is a college totally Christian in her program.

—J. RALPH NOONKESTER  
(Assistant Professor of Bible and Religious Education)



Octet

"When I think of all that she  
Through the years will mean to me,  
Then my heart with love overflows  
for M.W.C."

No doubt the words from the Swing Song are true—M.W.C. will mean a lot to me in later years. But how she can mean more than she means now?

To me, Woman's College is God and love rolled into one. God—because Woman's College belongs to Him. He has just given it to Mississippi Baptist to take care of for Him. God is in charge of things here at M.W.C. and I can feel His presence all the time. He is the Master, Lord, and King of our school.

Because Woman's College is Christ-centered, the spirit of love dwells on this campus with a power that I've never felt elsewhere. Love that embraces not only the students and teachers, but love that reaches far beyond the edges of our campus into all parts of the world.

Yes, M.W.C. will mean a lot to me in years to come, but only because she means so much to me now.

—ANN FREEMAN

"Woman's College, Woman's College  
Proud are we of thy fair name,  
How we love to sing thy praises  
And to spread abroad thy fame."

As I think of the words of that song my heart swells with pride. I'm glad to tell others about Woman's College because in so doing I feel that I am giving a testimony for Jesus Christ.

Woman's College has been one of God's richest blessing to my life. I know this is true because it has been here that I have seen a depth to Christianity that I have never knew before. I have seen Christ uplifted not only in religion but in education and daily living.

There is an atmosphere on the campus that is hard to describe, and yet it can be explained because everything here is Christ-centered. That is why I "love to sing her praises and to spread abroad her fame."

—PAT PINSON



Student Government Association

I decided to come to M.W.C. because of the many wonderful objectives that it holds for each girl. It is a school where girls learn to work together and pray together. To me, M.W.C. is not just a school to attend, but a home where problems are worked out, pray through, and settled at the feet of Christ. With Christ as the head of our family at M.W.C. we, as members of the family, will work, study, and pray that God's will be done in our lives.

—VENANCIA MATTOS

I do not have words to express what Woman's College has meant and now means to me. She has taught me things by her very atmosphere that I, in all my years of being a Christian, had not learned.

At Woman's College I have learned the true meaning of a useful Christ-centered life. Woman's College is unsurpassed in teaching young ladies to develop themselves to do maximum service for the Lord.

—MARGARET HOLLINGSWORTH

Mississippi Woman's College is not the only college in the world, but her every activity points to the only God of all the world. Mississippi Woman's College does not possess all the knowledge of the universe nor does she have in her employ all the brilliant leaders and instructors, but our faculty teaches, along with cold dry facts, the ways of applying each student's talents to the service of the all-wise Teacher.

Mississippi Woman's College perhaps does not have the best students who ever entered halls of learning, but her alumnae have, in overwhelming numbers, dedicated their lives to the task of making Christ known, loved, and served by others.

—NELLE BOOKER

I have been at Mississippi Woman's College for only three weeks, but I have already begun to love it beyond expression. It means so much to me spiritually, as well as mentally. Mississippi Woman's College is more wonderful than I had ever dreamed that a college could be.

—GLORIA SMITH



Physical Education

Every day at Woman's College is sweeter than the day before. I can truthfully say that every day I spend at Woman's College my love for this school increases. Here I have felt God's leadership as never before and have come to know His will for my life.

I feel that if God had not led me to Woman's College, where I would be under the guidance of such Christian people I would not be nearly so able to say also that, "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before."

—JOAN STEWART

A Floridian crazy about Mississippi? A Methodist crazy about a Baptist college? Could such things be true? Yes, very much so. Since I am both a Floridian and a Methodist and I am at the present time enrolled at Mississippi Woman's College, I think I can speak with a little authority when I say a hearty "amen" to the above answer.

I could never express in words what M.W.C. means to my heart and life. Here I have learned the full meaning of devotion to God, with Christ as the center of each life. Through living, working, studying, and sharing together I now realize the importance of Christian fellowship. I'm grateful, too, for the privilege of being taught by a consecrated and competent faculty. Truly M.W.C. was built on Christ, founded in love, and grounded in knowledge. Praise God for schools such as Woman's College!

—BETTY JEAN SNEAD



Baptist Student Union

Thank God for Woman's College! With a limited amount of words and space, I could never express a love like I feel for Woman's College. She means everything to me because Christ reigns supreme here. My happiness has reached its height at Woman's College, and again I thank God for her.

—KATHERINE IRWIN

What does Mississippi Woman's College mean to me? It means a school where Christ is the center. It means Christian teachers and friends who help me to live closer to God. It means opportunities which I never dreamed would be mine. Yes, Mississippi Woman's College is almost a sacred place to me. Even as the psalmist was amazed because God's presence was everywhere, so am I. I go to the B.S.U. room; behold, He is there. I go to the prayer room; behold, He is there. I walk under the trees on the campus, and even there his presence is with me. How thankful I am that God led me here, and I would say to every Mississippi Baptist:

"Lives are in the making here,  
Hearts are in the waking here,  
Mighty undertaking here—  
Up!—and On!"

Oxenham  
—VIVIAN GEIGER

## Baptist Student Union

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GEORGE CHU LIN



CLAY GIBSON

Mr. George Chu Lin, Chinese businessman of Greenville, Miss., and Rev. Clay Gibson, Choctaw Indian Baptist preacher, of Edinburg, Miss., are to appear on the panel of the panel forum on "Christian Race Relations" at our Convention Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Calvary Church, Jackson. Born in China, Mr. Lin came to America when he was a child, was educated at Glen Allen, Miss., and L. S. U., is in the life insurance business and attends First Baptist Church, Greenville. Rev. Gibson first appeared on our Convention program at Miss. Southern in 1950 and is returning by special request.

## CAMPUS NEWS

Our opening social was a major success. It was given in cooperation with the Methodist group for the entire student body . . . Some good ideas and plans have been formulated already for our BAPTIST STUDENT campaign (56 subscriptions were sold at last report—C. W. H.) . . . Morning Watch is being improved daily. Our attendance has ranged from 37 to 45 each day . . . We're making plans for a Youth-led revival in November . . . —Frank Horton, BSU Sec'y, Sunflower J. College.

## IMPORTANT!!

Pastors and home churches, please send us a list of your students with college addresses.

Miss. Baptists, we need to begin building Student Centers; we need to employ a State Associate BSU Secretary.

### Army Chapel Attendance Jumps By 50%

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Attendance at religious services in the U. S. Army chapels increased to more than 50 per cent during the year ended June 30, 1952, a report by Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr. revealed.

The total attendance at chapels in the United States and overseas during the 12-month period was 18,949,060, compared with 12,682,884 the year before. It was a new post-World War II record.

The figures include both service personnel and their dependents.

The Army now has a total of 1,400 chaplains compared with 1,200 in 1951, Mr. Pace said. Army chaplains reported 2,541,903 visits to the wounded in military hospitals, an increase of 250,000 over the previous 12 month period.

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CURRENT DIVIDED

(Editor's Note: During a revival meeting, Dr. R. G. Lee quoted Walt Mason's poem given below. The young soldier was in the audience. That same day he handed Dr. Lee an answer which is published herewith. It gives a lie to the belief that you are saved by kind attitudes and good deeds and good thoughts.)

In a little tract entitled, "The Newspaper Plan of Salvation," there appears the following from Walt Mason:

"I do not know just what may hap-

When I go tumbling off the map  
Into the outer void.

I hope to draw a pair of wings  
And crown and robe and kindred things

And harp of celluloid.  
But little do I walk the floor.  
Or lose a chance to sleep and snore,

By worrying my head  
About the things that may befall  
When I step off this whirling ball  
And line up with the dead.

I think I've all a man should need

In this the simple little creed,  
That's pasted in my lid.

With all your fellowmen be square,

Be kind and just to all;  
Nor care a cent what others did.  
If one is square and just and kind,

I don't believe he'll be behind  
When they distribute crowns.  
He'll be a credit to this globe  
And he will swap for snowy robe,

His work-worn hand-me-downs.  
Religion's tangled, teased and vexed

With dogma and conflicting text,  
By sages splitting hairs,  
And all that fellows really need,  
Is just that simple little creed  
To climb the golden stairs."

## TO WALT MASON

Poor friend, if it be your desire  
To draw to Heaven ever nigher,  
Each day you sail life's sea;  
If golden slippers you would wear  
When you have left this world of care,

Then change you recipe.  
You say that you expect a crown  
In trade for world-worn hand-me-downs,

You hope to sail the skies;  
But kindly deeds and friendly pat  
Upon a neighbor's burdened back,

Have ne'er gained Heaven's prize.  
For one there was who came by night

To Christ, the Giver of all Light,  
Who though the same as you;  
But when the one thing that he lacked

Was, by the Master, first attack.  
He left a sadder Jew.

So take a word of counsel, friend,  
Ere days of counsel for you end

When death has called a halt:  
These hasty moral omelettes  
Have never passed inspection yet  
For they contain no salt.

S-SGT. JARVIS D. ANDERSON

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

### NEW ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS REPORTED

The following associational officers who are to serve for the ensuing year have been reported to us. If your report has not been turned in please do so as we would like to run their names in this column.

Marshall county—President, Mr. O. B. Kerr; vice-presidents, Dallas King, J. W. Mitchell and Dr. W. C. Sandusky; secretary and treasurer, Newell Wilson and Chorister F. B. Rodgers.

Grenada—President, Thurman Oliver.  
Panola—President, L. R. White.  
Franklin—President, Claude Smith; vice-presidents, J. N. Dykes, C. N. Seale, and J. L. Holland; Secretary and treasurer, Wilson Buckley and Chorister J. N. Dykes.

Jones—President, Shelby Price; vice-presidents, B. J. Martin, Lonnie E. Meador, Clewis Wheelis; secretary and treasurer, E. A. Easterling; chorister, C. F. Story.  
Mississippi—President, Dr. W. T.

Snow; vice-presidents, Carl S. Wilson, John Rollins, Robert Hartness; secretary and treasurer, J. P. Walsh; chorister, Edd Causey.

Pike—President, Pete Felder; vice-presidents, W. E. Bacot, A. A. Lang, and George P. Bronson; secretary and treasurer, Charles D. Beecher; chorister, C. B. White.

Pearl River—President, E. H. Mitchell; vice-president, C. E. Stewart; secretary and treasurer, Lamar McQueen and pianist, Kenneth Horrell.

Newton—President, G. L. Palmer; vice-presidents, Troy Mohon, Doyle Blalock and Truitt Addkinson; secretary and treasurer, Robert Cochran; chorister, W. H. Johnson.

Walthall—President, Ray Blackwell; vice-presidents, Slim Crawford, Virgle Lang, J. E. Pigott; secretary and treasurer, Roy Laseter; chorister, Webster Boyd; pianist, Charles Brunfield and Advisory council, Brother Stewart and Brother May.

## RALLY SPEAKER



Shown above is Dr. S. B. Platt, prominent layman of Columbus, who will preside at the state brotherhood rally, November 10 and will bring the closing message in the afternoon. Out of state speakers will be Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas and Dr. Jimmy Middleton of Shreveport.

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
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MISS JOYCE SUTTON

On September 15 Miss Joyce Sutton came to the Sunday School Department as office secretary.

She is from New Hebron, where she finished high school, and from there went to Copiah-Lincoln Junior college and completed that school last spring.

She comes from a fine Baptist family and is fitting into the life and work at the Baptist Building in a very splendid way. We are indeed happy to have her join our forces, and she will make a valuable addition to our group of workers.

**OCTOBER IS TRAINING TIME**  
Since October is the beginning of a new year, it means that there are many new workers in the Sunday school. Some of them are not new workers, but they are in new places of work. Also, even those who have been in the work a long time have not learned it all yet, and never will.

All of which means that we need so much to provide some opportunities during October to train these workers. The new ones need it; the old ones need it; the old ones in new places need it; all of us need it.

To get the full value of the new year's work, give the workers some training early so they can start out better prepared. October is the month to begin this. Train for efficiency. We may know and not do, but we certainly cannot do if we don't know.

**STATE MISSIONS—OCTOBER 26**  
Sunday, October 26, is State Mission Day in the Sunday school. This



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is the yearly feature in our schools on the fourth Sunday in October.

This year the title of the program is "State Missions—Foundation-Builder." This program is printed in a small booklet and mailed free from Nashville to all the Sunday school superintendents of the South. If you did not get yours, Brother Superintendent, write us and we will be glad to send you one from the Jackson office, as long as the small supply we have lasts.

## SOME SUGGESTIONS

1. Plan at once for the observance of this day in your school. If you find it necessary, change the date to whatever Sunday in October is best for your situation.

2. Appoint a committee from your workers to be responsible for presenting the program.

3. Emphasize the educational values of this day. Call on all organizations of the church to cooperate. The pastor may wish to preach a sermon on State Missions preferably on the Sunday before this day.

4. Set worthy goals for attendance and offering. Display the announcement poster where all can see it. There is a place on it for the offering goal to be written in.

5. Order free offering envelopes from Mr. Chester L. Quarles, DOA 330, Jackson, Miss.

6. If you need additional program copies, the full program is given on pages 14 and 15 of the October issue of the Builder.

## MORE STANDARDS

These units have become standard recently:

Departments: Beginner—Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive, Miss Leslie Harper, supt.; Junior—Meridian, South Side, Mrs. Louie Godwin, supt.

Classes: Junior—Booneville, First, First-Year Boys, Maurice Hill, teacher; Salem, Collins, 11-Year Girls, Mrs. Clifton Barber.

Marys and Marthas, Intermediate, South Side, Meridian, Mrs. Paul Montgomery; Home Makers, Adult, Daniel Memorial, Jackson, Mrs. D. D. Weimer, Sr.; Chester Swor, Intermediate, Vicksburg, First, M. M. Abernathy.

We are very grateful to all these leaders for this good work.

## STANDARDS MUST BE RENEWED EACH YEAR

As is very well known, the application for Standard units must be renewed each year.

The purpose of this is to keep up to this requirement each year. There must be a rechecking each year and a new application made for such recognition.

Therefore now is the time to do this checking to see just what is lacking. Then, get the members of the unit to commit themselves to do the additional work necessary to reach all the points within the very shortest possible time.

Blanks will be sent on request.

## SALEM CHURCH GOES TO FULL-TIME

Salem church in Hinds county, Rev. Theodore E. Lea, pastor, has recently gone full-time and the work has shown an improvement in many ways.

Training Union and Sunday School enrollment has increased and an appropriate budget for next year set.

—BR—

## Washington County Work Progressing

The work in Washington County has shown signs of progress in many areas, due in large part to the leadership of R. A. Langley, of Darlove, superintendent of associational missions.

He has been serving since Jan. 1, 1952. There are now six new missions in the county, and three churches have gone full-time.

The primary emphasis has been on evangelism, teaching and training.

Missionary Langley is pastor at Darlove as well as superintendent of missions.

—BR—

## Successful Open-Air Revival Conducted

A most successful open-air revival was held Sept. 21-24 in Wilkinson County under leadership of Rev. D. O. Horne, superintendent of associational missions.

The meeting was held seven miles north of Woodville in an unchurched area. Rev. O. B. Beverly, pastor at Woodville, did the preaching.

Deacon Phayse Carter led the singing with Mrs. Eunice Jeter at the portable organ. Seventeen have already been baptized into the fellowship of the Woodville church with seven more scheduled to be baptized.

Seven came by letter.

—BR—

## 50, 40 &amp; 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Pastor W. A. Hewitt reports having recently organized a B. Y. P. U. with 42 members in the Baptist Church at Columbia, with Prof. N. R. Drummond as president.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Pastor H. M. King of the Second (Calvary) Baptist Church, Jackson, reports 42 additions to the church, twenty for baptism during a meeting in which Rev. J. B. Lawrence did the preaching.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. J. B. Leavell (Mississippian) completes ten year pastorate with the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, 6,183 having been added to the membership, 1,656 for baptism, and the church property going from \$71,000 to a million dollars and contributions amounting to "nearly a million" for the ten years.

## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson  
Executive Secretary—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Secretary—Miss Nell Taylor  
Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

## DISTRICT MEETING SPEAKER



MISS OLA VADEN LEA

Miss Ola Vaden Lea, Southern Baptist missionary since 1925, is a native Virginian. She was educated at East Radford (Va.) State Teachers' College, Virginia Intermont College, Woman's Missionary Union Training School, and received the degree of bachelor of arts from the University of Louisville, and her M. A. from Columbia University. She also attended Biblical Seminary in New York. Miss Lea did educational evangelistic work in many areas of China, and was director of religious education in Wei Ling Girls' School in Soochow, when the missionaries were forced out of China by the Communists. Since that time she has been serving on Formosa. She is home now on furlough in Greensboro, North Carolina.

## LEAKESVILLE CORO NATION SERVICE



The Junior Girls' Auxiliary participated in a Coronation Service with Mrs. Wayne Hart, counselor, presenting the awards. Four girls were recognized as maidens; two girls had reached the step of Lady-in-Waiting; Celia Ann Hillman was crowned queen. Each of the girls recited memory work learned, and showed excellent training. A social hour followed the service and it was enjoyed by the entire congregation.

## W. M. U. TRAINING SCHOOL

Mississippi students at the W. M. U. Training School for this session are:

Miss Ashley White, Senior and a native of Cleveland, Miss.  
Miss Dorothy Dell Fail, Bay Springs and a graduate of Mississippi College.

Miss Naomi Clifton, a graduate of Mississippi Woman's College.  
Miss Mary Perry, Tupelo, Miss.

Recently the men's Bible class of the First Church, Greenville, celebrated its 16th year of steady growth under its teacher, Kern members.

Pratt. In 1936 when Mr. Pratt took over the class there were 7 members. Today the class has 189

Thursday, October 9, 1952

**ON MUSTANG ISLAND**

(Continued from Page One)  
of the groceries," he said with apparent satisfaction.

Disappointed, Dale said, "Oh, that's just our weekly church paper."

"You're so right," Ralph returned jubilantly.

Inwardly Dale grumbled, "What in the world did Mom have to put the church paper in for instead of some magazines we could read for entertainment?"

Stan walked over to the table. "Well, that's better than nothing, but I sure didn't expect to be reading church papers when we planned this trip."

Ralph had the papers smoothed out, and was apparently looking for something in one of them. "Here is something you'll like," he said at last. "There's a serial running in our paper, telling the story of the life of one of our oldest missionaries to India. He's just recently returned to the States, and is visiting some of our churches. Boy, he really had a lot of narrow escapes."

Dale and Stan looked over Ralph's shoulder, and Ralph handed one of the papers to Stan. "Here's the third installment," he said. "There's a synopsis of the first and second installments at the beginning. The fourth and fifth are here, too, if you'd like to read them."

Dale was watching his brother with a sense of wonder. "Why, I didn't know you—" he broke off, suddenly ashamed to admit that he didn't know that his brother read the church paper, and at the same time revealing his own indifference toward it.

Stan read the paper silently, and Dale, glancing up from the one he was reading, saw that Stan was obviously impressed. For that matter, so was Dale. He hadn't known that any church paper had so much information and help in it. He found a picture of a Bible College, and several other things he vaguely wondered about.

Ralph leafed slowly through the one he held. It was evident that he had already read it.

Stan passed the magazine with the third installment in it to Ralph and asked for the next one. He read it in the same way — completely absorbed, seemingly forgetful of the others in the room.

The rain's steady tattoo and the wind's never-ending wail were the only sounds to be heard, except for the occasional crackling of the paper when someone turned a page.

Dale noticed that Ralph's eyes were closed as if in prayer, and Dale closed his own for a moment. It suddenly seemed that everything had been planned for this one hour, and that it was the chance of all time for them to win Stan. Dale thought guiltily.

The story in the crumpled church paper was opening the way. "And to think that I didn't even take time to read the paper myself."

Stan dropped the last of the three papers. He looked up, and the look in his eye was one of determination, and yet there was a question there. It was Ralph who broke the silence of the tense moment. "I guess that story im-



REV. DEE ORTNER

Pictured above is Rev. Dee Ortner who has recently been called as pastor of the Mount Vernon Church in Tishomingo county.

presses you like it impressed me. That fellow really had something or someone big in his life—big enough to live for, and if need be, to die for. Did it make you feel like it did me, Stan? That you want to live for Christ, too?"

Stan dropped his head. Dale admired his brother's witnessing and wondered what would have happened if Ralph had regarded the church paper as lightly as he had. Secretly, he decided that he would start reading it regularly.

Stan hadn't said anything yet, but it was obvious that he had been captivated by the idea of following Christ. It was Ralph who finally broke the silence again. "Would you like to know the Lord Jesus Christ? Dale and I are Christians, and we think it's the most wonderful life there is, don't we, Dale?"

Dale didn't have to hesitate on that. "Sure do," he said earnestly. "We'd like to pray with you."

And Stan was ready. When the sun came out an hour later and the boys headed for the beach, Stan was a Christian.

Later that fall when the pastor announced that the very missionary whose story had been in the church paper would be visiting Littleton's Cove, the boys were excited.

At the close of the service when they shook hands with the missionary, Dale told the story of the rainy day on Mustang Island and what reading those crumpled church papers had meant to each of them. Tears came to the old missionary's eyes as he said, "You never know when you sow the seed, just how the harvest will be reaped, but there will be a harvest someday. God has promised it."

"And we're planning to go to the seminary just as soon as we can," Stan spoke up eagerly.

"You see," Dale said quietly, "I want to go to India, too, some day, and these other fellows feel that God has a place for them somewhere in Christian service."

—BR—  
The darkest day in any life is when one expects something for nothing.

—BR—  
I know not what the future holds, but I do know Him who holds the future.

**Suggestions Coming In For Houston Convention**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — A number of suggestions for improving the program and procedures of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual sessions have been received by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

In passing the suggestions on to the Committee on Order of Business, Routh points out that the suggestions have been neither considered nor approved by the Executive Committee but are forwarded only for information and further consideration.

1. "Why not close the program on Saturday noon? You could have a big evangelistic service on Friday night if you wanted, and plan to close everything out Saturday noon. There would always be plenty of pastors left to fill the pulpits

of local churches on Sunday morning, but those who wanted to could be home to preach in their own pulpits on Sunday."

2. "Why not have the mornings devoted entirely to business, reserve the afternoons for committee meetings, sightseeing, and resting, and have the great inspirational hours at night? This would encourage messengers to attend all of the sessions which are scheduled and would leave some time free."

3. "Why not put an adjournment hour on the night programs, and then stick to it? The preliminaries should be shorter or the introductory section made more brief so that the main speaker would have more time, if there is a main speaker, and yet not have to keep the crowd up most of the night."

4. "Give more time to reports with recommendations so the messengers would not feel they were taking the time of the next speaker if they asked a question. A large democratic body like the Southern Baptist Convention can function at its best only when sufficient time is given to hear all sides of the question at hand. And a decision can be made on the basis of facts rather than impassioned appeals."

Any further suggestions for the program should be sent to Rev. A. B. VanArsdale, College Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, who is chairman of the Committee on Order of Business.

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**SOUTHSIDE COLUMBUS ENJOYS LAYMEN'S DAY**

Laymen's Day was observed at Southside Church in Columbus, on Sunday, Sept. 21.

At 7 o'clock the men of the church met with the pastor, Rev. Boyd Armstrong, at the church where they cooked their breakfast and enjoyed an early morning devotional and fellowship together.

This was followed by a 30 minute broadcast from the studios of Station WACR. This program consisted of music by their all male choir and a message by Layman Davis Nolen of Guin, Alabama, a former member of Southside.

The pulpit was filled by laymen and the choir was made up of the men of the church. Kirk Smith brought the message at the eleven o'clock hour speaking on the subject, "Fruitful or Fruitless?" Harold Barrar spoke at the evening service on "Responsibilities of Laymen".

The many professions of faith are due in large part to the personal soul-winning of national Venezuelan Christians. Often it is because someone who works in the same office or store has been faithful in living and witnessing. And such personal work is not limited to the city churches.

Mr. Neely wrote "We have seen men in our country places, when crops are tended and time permits, go two and two to the neighboring farms to win men to Christ. What a thrill it always gives us to see these men, hammocks over their shoulders, setting out for two or three days on a mission that will take them to new places. Although many of these are uneducated and unprepared, we have to admit they are wiser than most of us. God's Word states clearly that he who wins souls is wise."

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You cannot separate missions, evangelism, and stewardship.



DR. D. M. NELSON

Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, will be the speaker at the Clinton Church at the morning hour, Sunday, Oct. 12, Layman's Day. The pastor, Rev. Russell M. McIntyre, will speak at the evening hour on "Steven, God's Layman".

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**N. O. SEMINARY HAS RARE BIBLE COLLECTION**

Miss Nelle C. Davidson, librarian, has a display of old Bibles, and copies of rare codexes in the foyer of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary administration building.

The display shows a part of the Bible collection of the seminary library that has been growing both through purchases and gifts. Some of the volumes were bought last summer when Miss Davidson was in the British Isles on a book-buying tour.

A Bishop's Bible of 1588 is shown, a gift of a former registrar of the school, Dr. James E. Southerland, now a pastor in Florida. Another rare Bible displayed is described by Miss Davidson as one of the most perfect of the Polyglot Bibles of the 17th Century. This is the Biblia Sacra Polyglotta in ten languages, published in London by Thomas Rycroft in 1654-57.

Codexes are original manu-

scripts from which translations are made or compared. Modern Versions may represent comparisons with all the extant codexes and fragments. It is not likely, Miss Davidson explains, that any library would ever part with such a manuscript. She has several copies of rare codexes, however.

The Codex Alexandrinus, Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Bezae are from originals in the British and Cambridge University museums. These are shown, along with a reproduction of pages from the Gutenberg Bible, one of the most famous in the world.

Other items include copies of the Chester Beatty papyri, from manuscript of the Greek Bible on papyrus, and of an unpublished fragment of the Fourth Gospel. This is a loan from Dr. Roy Beaman of the seminary faculty.

Bibles from 1579 to the present, and in various languages, complete the display.



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**21 Cradle Roll Babies Honored By Louisville 1st**

Twenty one babies out of 38 enrolled were present with their parents at a special Cradle Roll recognition service at the First Church at Louisville, Sunday, Oct. 5.

Prior to the special sermon brought by Rev. James Fairchild, pastor, a rose bud service, paid special recognition to each baby present. Mrs. V. B. Lewis, supt., pinned a red rosebud on each baby as he or she was brought forward by the parents. As a conclusion a white Testament was presented to Debra Ruth Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Harrison, for being the youngest member present. She was five weeks and three days old.

Other babies with their parents were Jean Alice Childs, Donald M. Woodruff III, Deborah Zoe Estes, George Patty Watson, III, Robert Anthony Canzoneri, Lorraine Hilliard, Charles Emerson Herrington, Jr., Elizabeth Rose Leeke, Michael Wayne Green, Doris Jane Powell, David Paul Kornberg, McKinley Charles Bray, Linda C. Cullens.



HERBERT BATSON

Herbert Batson began his work on October 1, as the newly-called musical and educational director of the Clinton Church. A 1948 graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton, Mr. Batson is well known to Mississippi Baptists. Mr. Batson, with his wife, the former Miss Agnes Matthews, and one-year old daughter, Edith Ann, moved from Philadelphia to their new home in Clinton. He served in the Clinton Church while a student at Mississippi College.

After graduating from Mississippi College, Mr. Batson obtained his Master's degree in Religious Education from the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He has served in Baptist churches in Oklahoma, Texas and Mississippi.

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"Christian Growth Week" will be observed at the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church on October 6-10, 1952. This will be a week of study in cooperation with the Training Union Enlargement Campaign of the Hinds County Association.

Classes will be held for age levels and the Nursery will be open each evening. There will be a place for every member of the family. The period of study and inspiration will begin each evening at 7 o'clock. The campaign will be directed by Mr. Robert S. Cook of Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Cook is connected with the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. He will be assisted by Mr. James A. Bennett, director of the Daniel Memorial Baptist Training Union. A fine staff of teachers has been secured.

da Katherine Ritter, Hope Chaney, Beverly Kay Burrage, Robert Douglas Ainsworth, Lucy Aileen Anderson, Bob Wood, Ronald Holton, and Chris Darrell McGowan.

Parents present without their babies were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Konberg and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jayoe.

Workers in the Cradle Roll Department the past year were Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. E. H. Parks, secretary; Mrs. Wilbur Bennett, Mrs. Jerome Smith, and Mrs. Raymond Ward. Workers for the new year are Mrs. Lewis, supt.; Mrs. Parks, sec.; Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. J. D. Webb, Mrs. Noel Chamblee, Mrs. Howard Triplett and Mrs. C. Q. Cullens.

**BOYD L'CROY ACCEPTS THAXTON, FRIENDSHIP**

Rev. Boyd LeCroy, Pontotoc Associational Missionary for the past two and one-half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Thaxton and Friendship Churches in the same county. He plans to move to Thaxton, where the church will provide a home for him, the latter part of October.

Under Mr. LeCroy's leadership 12 new Training Unions have been organized, seven women's missionary societies, four brotherhoods and three Sunday schools. Also the County Line Baptist was organized under his guidance.

A county-wide music program has been set up during the past two and one half years and an organization of an executive board.

The establishment of a Good Will Center, through efforts of the county missionary, has brought aid to hundreds of people.

Mr. LeCroy is also Chaplain at the Pontotoc Clinic.

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**Mr. and Mrs. CMC Elected**

A hotly contested election was held on the campus of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Thursday, Oct. 2, to choose the Campus Favorites; also Mr. and Miss C. M. C. of 1952-53. Sponsoring the election was the annual staff.

Miss Katherine Davis, a sophomore from Kosciusko, was chosen Miss C. M. C. and Marcus Moore, from Newton, also a sophomore, was chosen Mr. C. M. C.

The favorites among the girls included Misses Dawn Kitchens, Philadelphia; Bobbie Fulton, Moss Point; Becky Myers, Jackson; Ollie Mitchell, Bogalusa, La.; Nell Hatchett, Grand Bay, Ala.; and Hilda Allen, Brandon.

Favorites among the boys were Thomas Thurman, Silver Creek; Doyle Boyd, Holmesville; Lee Hudson, Jackson; Pee Wee Pinson, Newton; J. R. Boutwell, Laurel; and Max Dorr, Sardis.

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**Center Terrace Revival To Begin Church Year**

REV. M. G. REEDY

Center Terrace Church of Canton is closing the best year in its history of twenty years with increased attendance at all services, an increased budget for both local and mission interests with a twenty percent increase for the Cooperative Program.

The church will begin its new fiscal year with a revival meeting from October 12-19 with Rev. M. G. Reedy, pastor of Ruleville Church doing the preaching and Bob Abrams of Mississippi College and Canton leading the choirs.

This will be followed by Sunday School and Training Union study courses. Rev. C. O. Estes is pastor.

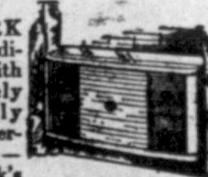
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The price will be five cents per page for the first 300 pages and three cents for each page thereafter. This price will provide a negative which will be kept in the commission's fireproof vault and provide one reading copy for the church.

The Historical Commission also will microfilm associational minutes. At an average of one cent per page. Ninety five per cent of the associations can have their minutes for fifty years microfilmed for \$30.00.

Dr. Norman W. Cox, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tenn., will be glad to provide churches and associations with further information.

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Dr. Ralph Noonester of Mississippi Woman's College and Dr. Wilbur Swartz of New Orleans Seminary were supply preachers for the First Church recently when the pastor, Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, was assisting in a revival in First Church, Sherman, Texas. Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the Sherman Church, was formerly at Brookhaven.

## Tinsley Pastor Resigns



REV. W. E. JACOBS

Rev. William E. Jacobs, for three years pastor of the Tinsley Church, recently resigned. During his ministry 98 members were added to the church — 51 by baptism.

Improvements to the church property have included the installation of new church pews and building a pastor's home. Sunday school and training union enrolments have more than doubled, and departmentalized Sunday School work has been initiated. A musical training program was also promoted.

Mr. Jacobs is a graduate of Mississippi College and has completed two years of study at the New Orleans Seminary.

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(Signed) CHESTER QUARLES,  
Executive Secretary.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Zion Association

I always get a cordial reception at Zion Association and this year was better than ever. Due to a conflict, we had to ask for a change in time. Hon. R. P. Sugg, the moderator, had no difficulty in granting our request. He took my time and gave me his.

Mt. Zion church and the pastor, Rev. David Bryant, had made adequate preparations to entertain the crowd. And what a dinner!

The moderator started on time and stayed on time.

All the thirty-one churches reported.

The association committed herself to the employment of an associational missionary; adopting a budget and initiating other necessary steps toward this objective.

The Moderator and Clerk were instructed to re-study the constitution and rules of decorum and make such recommended changes as seem needed; the executive committee to present such changes as they confirm to the association at her next annual session.

The association adopted the constitution and by-laws of the Zion Baptist Music Association commanding this music ministry to the churches.

The association further recommended that in order to expedite matters of information contained in church letters and allow a more accurate report of the churches to the association, that the church year be reckoned from September 1 to August 31.

Officers of the association as elected are R. P. Sugg, Eupora, moderator; W. W. Herrin, Eupora, vice moderator; Lawrence C. Riley, Mantee, clerk; B. F. Putnam, Eupora, treasurer.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, 1953 with the Fellowship and Lollars Grove churches respectively.

Record readers in Webster county: ALVA 22, Bluff Springs 1, Cross



REV. JOE HUDSON

Rev. Joe Hudson, who has recently moved to the Mount Olive pastorate, will be the evangelist during the revival, October 12-19. Mr. Ernest M. Boling, minister of music, will lead the singing.

## Hollis Stewart Ordained At Pine Grove Church

Ordination services were held recently at the Pine Grove church in Pearl River County for the Rev. Hollis Stewart who was recently called as pastor of the New Henleyfield church.

The Rev. Olin Harmon, pastor of the Pine Grove church, preached the ordination sermon and the following also had parts on the program:

Horatio Stewart; Rev. C. G. Wells pastor of the Carriere church; Rev. Phil Walker, county associational superintendent of missions; Rev. Clyde Gordon, pastor of the First church, Poplarville; Rev. D. T. Evans, pastor of the Bethel church; Rev. C. E. James, pastor of Roseland Park church; Rev. John R. Maddox, pastor of First Church, Picayune; Rev. Roy Stockstill, assistant pastor of First Church, Picayune; Rev. J. E. Moak, pastor of New Palestine church.

Roads 1, DOUBLE SPRINGS 22, Edgeworth 1, EUPORA 158, FELLOWSHIP (BELFOUNTAIN) 29, Harmon 1, Lollar's Grove 10, MANTEE 49, MATHISTON 74, MOUNT ZION 36, Monte Vista 1, NEW HOPE 37, Old Cumberland 1, PHILADELPHIA 13, Sapa 1, Spring Creek 1, and WALTHALL 52.

### Mesa Is No. 1035

Although resigning as pastor of Mesa Church, Rev. Guy Henderson as one of his last accomplishments, led the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Having tried the promotion plan for a few weeks, the church did not wait for the expiration of the two months. They adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan and now have 33 families receiving the Baptist Record every week.

Record readers in Walthall County are now listed as follows:

CRYSTAL SPRINGS 47, Dinan 3, ENON 87, KNOX 32, LEXIE 41, MAGEE'S CREEK 74, MESA 33, NEW ZION 32, SALEM 64, TYLER-TOWN 99, and UNION 48.

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The Carterville church, Lebanon Association, just completed a very successful Training Union Study Course. The subject was Stewardship and the enrollment was 88. The teachers were: Dr. Frank Smith, adults; Rev. W. L. Yeatman, young people; Mrs. Dillard Thompson, intermediates; Mrs. W. L. Yeatman, juniors; and Mrs. H. E. Lynch, story hour.

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## Accepts Oakville Church

Rev. Bryan Leverett, third-year New Orleans Seminary student, has resigned the River Hill Church, Salitpa, Ala., and accepted the pastorate of Oakville Church.

Rev. Leverett is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Mercer University. While with the Alabama church less than a year he led them in going from half to full time, saw attendance in all church meetings more than double, and the finances triple.

The family, a wife and one small boy, will live in the church parsonage. During the school year, Pastor Leverett will stay in New Orleans but will commute for week-ends.

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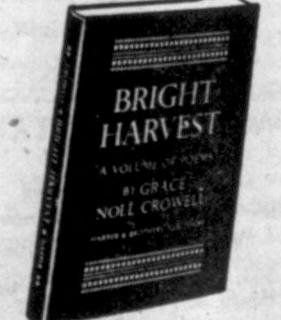
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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell  
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**JESUS DESCRIBES THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**  
Bible Text: Matthew 5:1-12.  
**I. THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING**

Let us begin by reminding ourselves of the condescension of Christ. He was God from all eternity, and did not begin to be when Jesus of Nazareth was born. And this Christ who was God from all eternity, the prince of heaven, the Son of God through whom and for whom all things were made in heaven and on earth, forewent all His glory, laid aside all His authority, and took upon Himself the form of a slave. "Being made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, yea, the death of the cross," and all this because He loved men.

And for this reason He came down to this earth to be borne of woman, to live and to die as the "Man Christ Jesus; because, by doing this, He could redeem men from bondage to the devil, to break the chains of sin, to deliver from the bondage of fear of the darkness of death, and to set men an example and teach them the truths of life, to impart to them the spirit "of life in Christ Jesus," so that they might walk as children of God, here in this present world, their hearts always rejoicing in their freedom and in the light of truth.

### II. THE PLACE OF THE BEATITUDES IN THE LIFE OF GOD'S CHILD

They introduce the longer passage known the world over as The Sermon on the Mount. This "sermon" occupies the first three chapters of the gospel proper as that is recorded by Matthew. The first four chapters of Mathew's gospel are occupied with the history of Jesus' earthly family, His birth, growth, baptism, and temptation. With the fifth chapter begins His teaching. This formal teaching occupies chapters 5-7, and contains the greatest utterance on the Christian life ever uttered in the world.

If anyone will bring to the consideration of this great passage of Mathew, a single heart, a pious soul, an open mind, and soberly consider the sermon our Lord here spoke as recorded by Mathew, I make no slightest doubt he will find in it, so far as regards the highest morals, the loftiest ethics, the purest character, a perfect standard of the Christian life. I do not rashly venture to promise, but gather it from the very words of the Lord Himself. The very manner in which the sermon is brought to a close bears clear testimony to the fact that in it are contained all the precepts which are requisite to the moulding of the perfect life.

The Beatitudes stand at the beginning of the discourse. The first

word is the same in each of the eight beatitudes. It is delivered in each instance with the authority of an absolute monarch. The style is dogmatic and commanding, the regal style of an announcement which is not to be gainsaid or doubted. He teaches, indeed, but it is the brief declarative style of authority, barely stooping to argue or explain. Christ speaks here not as a reasoner, nor in strict sense as an expounder, nor a prophet, nor a preacher, but as a king. He exhorts; but it is with the calm and weighty authority of a lawgiver. He predicts; but His closing words fall like the doom of a judge.

The word "blessed" back in the Greek has the meaning of "happiness" or "happy," and it refers to the inner life of the happy man, and not to any bestowment from without. It is true that the blessing is bestowed, but the word "blessed" here refers to a condition, and therefore to a consciousness. Happiness, blessedness, is God's will for man. It is the divine intention for human life. Sorrow and sighing will flee away; He will wipe away all tears. Happiness and joy are never to flee away; He will never banish merriment and laughter. "Happy," "blessed" is a word full of sunshine, thrilling with music, brimming over with just what man is seeking after in a thousand false ways.

I quote the words of F. W. Boreham: "It is possible for the poor to be proud of his poverty, for the devout to be proud of his piety, for the prayerful to be proud of his supplication, for the idolator to be proud of his obeisance, for the fasting to be proud of his fasts, for the penitent to be proud of his penitence, for the lowly to be proud of his lowliness. With one lancelike

word, Jesus probed beneath all externals and outward appearances, beneath all visible wealth and showy poverty, beneath all mere forms and ceremonies, beneath all self-advertising words and works. Penetrating to the very quick and marrow of our inner, truer, secret selves, Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

### III. A SWIFT RUN OVER THE DIVINE SCALE

Above we have seen the meaning of the first. Now see: "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." The glory of the gospel of Jesus is that it stoops to the lowliest; bringing the boon of happiness to the hearts that need it most.

The blessedness of the world is for the sorrowless, the joyous, the gay; it has no beatitude for the broken and contrite. "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." The attitude of humble submission to the will of God carries with it of necessity a disposition to gentleness and forbearance toward men who are harsh and provocative in their dealings.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." This recognition by a holy God of the unholiness of the soul's desire after holiness, with the promise that it shall be fed to the full, has given to the mere existence of such desire in any person a new and vast moral

### Former Central McComb Pastor Returns For Anniversary Service



REV. PETER E. CULLUM

Rev. Peter E. Cullum of Washington, D. C., and a former pastor of the Central Church at McComb, will speak at that church at both services on Sunday, October 12. Central Church is celebrating its 30th anniversary during October, and former pastors will be among the guest speakers.

Mr. Cullum was a charter member of Central Church and was serving as a deacon and Sunday School superintendent at the time he felt the call to preach. He received his theological education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Presently he is in Washington, D. C. doing research work in the Library of Congress and writing a manual on personal soul winning. Previously he has held pastorates in Kentucky, Mississippi and Virginia. He served as chaplain for 9 1/2 years in the Army Air Force.

During the past thirty years, 406 members have been baptized into the Central church and 636 received by letter. The church has contributed \$57,066.97 to Southwide Causes beyond the local church.

Of the 63 charter members, there are 34 still living.

Rev. Fred B. Bookter has been pastor since 1937.

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value, because it has given hope. "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." Mercy is an attitude of the mind utterly unselfish. The most merciful man that ever lived was murdered by the people to whom He showed mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see (be seeing) God." The purity makes possible the seeing; the seeing intensifies the purity.

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Not that they shall become the children of God; they are that already.

"Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He is pointing forward to the time when his followers are to be the victims of persecution, and He is fortifying them against that condition. Someone has said that even when He spoke those words, He was already becoming the object of hatred.

### Winona Recognizes 18 With Attendance Records

In the morning worship service of the First Church, Winona, Sunday, Oct. 5, 18 received the beautiful gold "Cross and Crown" pins for one year perfect attendance in Sunday School. No absences were excused — not even illness. In addition to the pin each received a "Cross and Crown" certificate of recognition.

Supt. M. C. Billingsley was the only general officer to receive this award. Other recipients follow with their department listed: Elsie Lynn Holder, nursery; Jimmy Thompson and Bill Caldwell, beginner; Sherry Townsend, primary; Gene Caldwell, Franklin Aldridge, Phil Minyard, Jack Townsend and S. E. Caldwell, junior; Jackie Aldridge, intermediate; Leslie Townsend, Jr. Young People's; Mrs. John Holder and Mrs. D. B. Dotson, adult ladies; R. F. Thompson, D. L. Woods, S. B. Minyard, and Roy Rhine, adult men's.

The S. E. Caldwell family had the most members to receive the award with three perfect attenders.

At the same service 11 received their six months pins. They are as follows: General officers, C. B. Hamlet; nursery department, J. Townsend, Mrs. Jack Townsend; primary department, Sarah Hamlet, Buck Hamlet, Peggy Mortimer; junior department, Jimmy Lamb, Frankie Ferguson, Martha Dacus; Young people, Mrs. F. D. Shapley; adult men's, F. D. Shapley.

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## A HANDFUL OF CORN

BY DR. R. C. CAMPBELL

Southern Baptists in their beginning, phenomenal growth and increasing strength demonstrate the truth of Psalms 72:16. "There shall be an handful of corn on the earth upon the top of the mountain; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon."

The beginning of our Southern Baptist work was infinitesimal. A handful of poor, uneducated, struggling believers—nobodies—launched out on a march that has become a World Crusade. It was not until 1845, in Augusta, Georgia, that they became organized into the Southern Baptist convention. Even then there was no fixed star of hope in the sky of our denominational life. "He goes fartherest who does not know where he is going when he starts," is variably in Southern Baptist progress.

Then we had few churches, no Sunday Schools, Missionary Societies, Training Unions, Schools, Colleges, Seminaries, Baptist papers, orphanages, State Home, and Foreign Mission Boards, Sunday School Board, agencies, institutions nor organizations. Under the guiding hand of God we have grown expanded, thrived and prospered. In our advancement we have sown the Gospel over mountains, hills, valleys, plains, desert places, as well as in throbbing cities and towns and heathen lands. We have helped to garrison our land with churches, and have built mighty Christian institutions where druid temples once stood.

**Southern Baptists have planted schools, colleges, and Seminaries from ocean to ocean, and from Northern borders to the Gulf of Mexico. Many of us can remember when we had but one Theological Seminary with only around 200 students, now we have five with around 4,000 students.**

In our incipency we raised but a few dollars for all the phases of our work. Now our mounting receipts run into the millions.

### What of The Future?

What about Southern Baptist today and tomorrow?

For one thing, we must, in our rapid growth, and expanding program, great numbers, ever increasing along educational and cultural lines, the building of great church plants, growing and expanding powers, prestige and influence, remember that we are getting in position to launch a program that can shake the world for God. Too, we must remember and "Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." (Isaiah 51:11). We must remember in humility and deep gratitude that once we were but, "an handful of corn — upon the top of the mountains".

Our beginning was in God. Our growth and development has been through His guiding power. The growth and safety of our future is assured only by the guidance of His divine hand. How lamentably pitiable, and tragically fatal it would be for us to become puffed up, forget God and say, "Our hands have wrought these things."

Some among us are worried over our bigness. They think we are becoming unwieldy and that we are

growing faster than we are developing. Peter had no such anxiety when about three thousand were added unto the church in one day. Of course, we must train, grow, and develop our members. However, this is easier than winning them. There is nothing in bigness unless bigness counts. Our bigness could become our peril. We will never get too big if we are humble, truthful and faithful to God. With our eyes on God our bigness is a pride and great joy. The type of faith, fortitude, courage, fidelity, wisdom, and Christian Statesmanship of these who began our work and who struggled, sacrificed, prayed and persevered in order to carry it on is essential. We can advance through any kind of turbulent waters, fiery furnaces, and over mountains of difficulties.

Let our territory expand, even "from pole to pole." Let our numbers enlarge! Let our boards, organizations, agencies increase in numbers, and enlarge in vision, programs, and power! Let our finances double, quadruple, multiply! Let our smouldering evangelistic compassion blaze into mighty conflagration! Let our spiritual perceptions become clearer and clearer! Let our denominational concepts deepen! Let our missionaries carry God's message to every alien! Let our fruits shake like Lebanon!

### People of the Bible

Another thing we must remember—the secret of our phenomenal growth. Southern Baptists have been a people of the Bible. Those responsible for our growth have not preached a man-made philosophy, but have proclaimed a God-given message. Apostolic aggressiveness; not apathetic complacency has characterized our growth.

And again, we must securely guard against subtle and lurking perils against our denominational life and work. If we do not do so they will eat away our denominational foundations like termites. We have repeatedly and positively declared ourselves on inter-denominational movements. We have not sensed, or at least, we have not spoken out on undenominational and anti-denominational encroachments. These encroachments are stealthy. They come from two extremes. There is the peril of the modernist. He is found in some of our pulpits. He comes usually from schools other than our own. In fact he is a positive handicap to our denominational life.

On the other extreme is the peril of the extreme fundamentalist. Study them! See their work! They are either non-denominational or anti-denominational. They come into our pulpits largely from non-denominational, or anti-denominational schools. In such schools denominationalism is either ignored, ridiculed, or condemned outright.

Some preachers among us soon see that their training gave them the wrong conception of our Baptist denomination. These seek eagerly and quickly to readjust themselves and do so. They become staunch supporters of all our work. Many of these, however, seek to block our work. Some of them do it stealthily, subtilly; others do it boldly and blatantly. Not only do they not support our Cooperative Program, institutions, and organizations, but



Shown above is the congregation of the First Church of Winona gathered on the court of their new educational building on Sunday morning, Sept. 27 during the formal dedication of the building.

They are reading together the responsive reading of dedication. Rev. C. B. Hamlett III is pastor and the building was dedicated debt free.

The inset shows the building committee on the steps going to the second floor. They are, left to right: Front row: H. T. Landrum, Chairman; C. B. Hamlet, pastor; M. C. Billingsley; Back row: S. F. Harwood, O. D. Brent, B. M. Aldridge, contractor, E. A. Hammond.

they work against them. They divert funds that should go into our Cooperative Program into non, or anti-denominational channels. They induce young people to go to the non or anti-denominational schools. They give their time, moral, and financial support to non-denominational encampments, organizations and movements. They are parasites in Baptist pulpits.

### Preach Doctrine

Still another thing, we must preach dogma. The preaching of dogma has made us. However, there is a tendency away from the value of dogma, in the minds of many today. To many the incarnation has passed from the realm of faith to the realm of poetic imagination; the Virgin birth from a fact to a fancy; the miracles of Jesus from reality to the mythical; the resurrection from a historical fact to a hallucination; salvation through Christ to a so called cultural salvation.

When the cardinal tenets of our faith are tabooed, Christianity is left impotent. By preaching the dogma—"Justification by faith," Luther snatched Germany from the pope of Rome and shook the civilized world.

Southern Baptists must preach as never before that salvation is through Jesus Christ, and through him alone. We have ever held this belief. We do not believe that any priest or pope can pronounce either doom upon our sins, or merit upon our virtues. We hold unfalteringly to the doctrine that every individual has the privilege of direct access to the throne of grace.

Then, we have a mission as Southern Baptists. This mission is to carry out the Great Commission to the whole world. If as a people

## Girl Whose Sight Was Restored By 'Miracle' To Become Missionary

GASTONIA, N. C.—(RNS) — Joyce Coleman, 14, has decided on a career as a Baptist foreign missionary after regaining her sight six years ago in what she and her parents firmly believe was "a miracle inspired by faith and prayer."

Born blind in her right eye, Joyce began losing the sight of her other eye after she entered the first grade. Physicians predicted that the strain of studying would make her totally blind in a few years despite progressive substitution of more powerful lenses in the spectacles she wore.

Their forebodings were fulfilled. Before Joyce had completed the second grade, her mother, Mrs. Ed Coleman, daily had to meet the young student, who stumbled home from classes, and help her into the house.

Joyce and her parents turned to

we have no message to inspire and hope, when faith and hope are wavering; if we cannot point people to a solid foundation on which they may find security, when worlds are crashing about them; if we cannot direct them to, "a shelter in the time of storm; if we cannot offer them liberation and salvation when they are lost; if we have no vital message in this disparaging age our religion is bankrupt.

From, "an handful of corn;" from chips from a rock, we are to ever advance in militant, aggressive conquest until the kingdoms of this world shall have become the Kingdom of the Lord.

regular prayers for relief from the affliction and sought the support of a prayer group from their Baptist Church, led by the Rev. Albert Skipper.

Then one morning, Joyce awoke and began to cry. "I can't go to school today, Mother," she sobbed. "I can't see at all."

In an attempt to console the child, Mrs. Bernice Cagle, a friend who was visiting the Colemans, led Joyce to the living room piano and began playing the hymn, "Where the Milk and Honey Flows." The girl lifted her voice and began to sing through her sobs.

Suddenly, Mrs. Coleman says, Joyce broke off with a scream, rushed to the window and cried, "I can see, Mother. I can see with both eyes."

"It seemed as though a great sun had lit up the whole room," the mother recalls.

Doctors say that Joyce now has perfect vision, although they won't comment on what brought restoration of her sight. But the young missionary-to-be, a high school student with only a dark memory of her blindness, is confident that she knows what caused "the miracle."

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Miss Alice Donnell, Blue Mountain, a senior at Blue Mountain College, has been chosen to typify Intellectuality. The selection was made by the faculty, and her picture will appear in the feature section of the college year book, "The Mountaineer." Miss Donnell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Donnell.